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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Reber

SUBJECT: Action Required of Requirements Committee

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1. At the last suppliers' conference, several questions arose which cannot be answered without first ascertaining customers' desires in several respects. One of the more important at the present time concerns the packaging and external marking of shipments of reproduced film [redacted]. It appears that we are going to have two customers: AUTOMAT and USAF. AUTOMAT has indicated (perhaps unwisely) that they would like to receive their materials in approximately 200' rolls. We have no formal indication from USAF as to the size of the rolls that they would like to receive. It is my personal conviction that they would probably like to receive the rolls in as near the original condition as possible. While I can see the merit of this, I do think that it may create some difficulty since some of the rolls may run to 6,000' lengths and may, because of their bulk and weight, be somewhat unmanageable. Despite this difficulty, I think USAF may want to receive their packages in complete rolls and do any cutting and re-rolling after they receive it. I believe that we should get a firm statement from USAF as to what their desires are. Time is important in this instance since Eastman should now be ordering the storage spools that will be required. They should also state any special requirements they may have for external marking of shipping boxes. Eastman is asking such questions as: should the shipping containers be for one time shipment only; be strong enough for return and repeat shipment; be used for permanent storage, etc.

2. I think we should get a statement from USAF as to whether they feel they have a requirement for duplicate 70 mm film. I personally feel that they will have no requirement for a duplicate of all 70 mm film. Since foils will be furnished them, they should not have to do any plotting of the 70 mm material. This 70 mm material is of little value for intelligence work. In addition to the foils being furnished, all of the areas should be covered by photography of much more useable scale than the approximately 1 to 260,000 obtained from the 3-inch camera.

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3. I am very much in the dark concerning the processing of the electronic take of our missions. I am thinking particularly of the package four material. Data reduction methods for this material are probably unique to the system and it may be that interested customers should have personnel trained in the peculiarities of this equipment so that they can effectively perform the data reduction when they receive the material. I think we should make an inquiry as to whether they have an existing capability to perform data reduction and, if they don't do they want to train on an individual customer basis to do their work independently or are they interested in participating in a centralized analysis center? In event they wish to do their work independently, I think someone should be cut into the Project soon to see what is involved in preparing for the analysis phase. (If past history is any guide, I would estimate that the services will want to analyze the material on an individual service basis.)

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4. Another area in which there is somewhat of a void is the   As of now I have no notion as to customer requirements. Since nothing has been produced as yet, we should explain to them what we expect to have and try to get from them some guidance as to what their requirements for this material will be. I realize this may be somewhat difficult but if we are to do any planning for reproduction of this material some such guide is required by us now.

5. For your convenience, I have condensed the questions that are to be presented to the members of the Requirements Committee. Of these questions, I think that packaging and external marking of the Eastman products is the most pressing in time. I think the best we can hope for in the last three items is just to get the matter under consideration by the representatives.

- a. In what length rolls would USAF like to receive materials?
- b. What external marking on the shipping boxes is desired?
- c. Does USAF have any specific desires concerning the shipping containers, i.e., should they be one-time shipment only; should they be strong enough to be used for shipping and return; should they be used for shipping one time and then for storage?
- d. Does USAF desire a photo duplicate of the 70 mm film and if so, should it be a turn-around print?
- e. Do the customers have personnel trained in the data reduction methods for the ELINT package material?
- f. Do the customers wish to participate in a centralized ELINT analysis center or do they wish to work independently?
- g. What are the customer requirements for

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